Welfare Scheme for rural and Terrorism Affected women and Children

4280. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any welfare scheme for the rural and terrorism affected women and children in the country particularly in the States of Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government is implementing the following schemes for the Welfare of Women and Children:

1. Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) which is a sub-scheme of IRDP.

2. Norwegien Agency for International Development (NORAD).

3. Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP).

4. Socio Economic Programme (SEP).

5. Condensed Courses of Education and Vocational Training Programme.

In so far as the welfare scheme for the rural and terrorism affected women and children in the country particularly in the States of Punjab and J & K is concened, the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Legislation for equal rights to disabled persons

4281. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether various organisations of disabled persons and non-Governmental organisations, at a symposium organised in New Delhi in recent past, have strongly appealed to Government to enact a comprehensive legislation to provide equal opportunities and rights to the disabled persons of country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take some action on these appeals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI): (a) to (d) Disabled Rights Group, a non-political advocacy group for the rights of people with disabilities, organised a symposium on 12th March, 95 in the FICCI Auditorium, New Delhi to discuss the need to have a comprehensive legislation for the handicapped.

At the conclusion, the symposium adopted a resolution. The operative part of the resolution laid down, inter-alia, that the bill should be introduced in the current session of Parliament. It further made an appeal to all political parties to treat this as a non-political issue and appealed to the State Governments not to defer the bill or its implementation on financial grounds.

The Government of India have already prepared a draft Bill and circulated to all State Governments/UT Administrations and the concerned Central Ministries/Departments. The Government of India have held a meeting on 25.4.95 with the representatives of State Governments/UT Administrations to solicit their views on different issues of the legislation.

Requests for Inclusion in the List of SCs in Gujarat

4282. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some organisations have

requested the Central Government to include their castes in the list of Scheduled Castes in Gujarat State;

(b) if so, the names and the number of such caste organisations which have requested in this regard;

(c) the action taken by Government thereon, so far; and

(d) what is the policy and procedure adopted in each case?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESARI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The details are in the enclosed statement (See below)

(c) All such proposals, requests, etc are under consideration of the Advisory Committee on Revision of Lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes constituted in the Ministry for their recommendations etc.

(d) The SCs are specified under the provisions of Article 341 of the Constitution which envisages consultation with the concerned State Govt. regarding fulfilment of the prescribed criteria by the concerned community. Further any amendment in the existing list of SCs can be made only through an Act of Parliament.

Statement

S. No.	Name of the Organisation	Name of the community recommended
1.	Akhil Bhartiya Rajbhar Mahasabha, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Bhar/Rajbhar
2.	Vaishnav Ramanandi Samaj Mandal, Gujarat	Sadhu, Ramanandi, Ramanandi Sadhu, Ramanandi Bawa, Bawa communities
3.	Vanza Samaj Deputation	Vanza Vankar
4.	Gujarat State Tailik Sahu Mahasabha, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Talik Sahu
5.	Gujarat Anusuchit Laghumati Jati Vikas Sangh, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Vankar Sadhu, Nat, Charan, Vahivancha

मन्दबद्धि बच्चों के लिये संस्थान

4283 **श्रीमती आनन्दीबेन जेठाभाई पटेल** : क्या **कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत में मंदबुद्धि बच्चों के लिये कितने संस्थान हैं, और उनका राज्य वार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा इन संस्थानों को प्रतिवर्ष कितनी वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान की जाती है ; और

(ग) प्रत्येक संस्थान में कितने-कितने बच्चे हैं और इन संस्थानों में बच्चों को किस प्रकार की सुविधायें प्रदान की जाती हैं ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) देश में बच्चों सहित मानसिक रूप से मंद व्यक्तियों के लिये 626 संस्थान हैं । राज्यवार ब्यौरे विवरण-में दिये गये हैं । **(नीचे देखिये)** ।

(ख) कल्याण मंत्रालय द्वारा वर्ष 1994-95 में विकलांग व्यक्तियों के लिये संगठनों को सहायता की योजना के अन्तर्गत 133 संगठनों को प्रदान की गई वित्तीय सहायता की कुल राशि 5.45 करोड़ रुपये है ।

(ग) ब्यौरे अनुबंध-2 में दिये गये है । [**देखिये** परिशिष्ट 173, अनुपत्र सं० 87] ।